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RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

SIR:

This Response under 35 U.S.C. §1.116 is filed in response to a November 30, 2004 Office Action, in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are contained in the **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.